



Erie Police Department

2010 Annual Report



# Essay

I think that if every one did follow the law of no texting while driving the town of Erie would be a much safer place! No texting while driving is so important because just like drunk driving it can distract you and can cause a wreck. Texting while driving is very dangerous. Life would not be the same without this law. "To get safely home, keep your hands off the phone!"

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## **Mission Statement**

*The mission of the Erie Police Department is:*

*To communicate and work with the community to maintain a safe environment, prevent crime and enforce the law, while protecting the rights of all.*

## **Values**

*As members of the Erie Police Department we proudly commit to the following values that will be used to guide our daily thoughts and actions,*

*Integrity  
Compassion  
Dedication*

*Impartiality  
Excellence  
Courage*

## **Vision**

*To be a highly respected, well educated, professional police agency committed to leadership, unity and excellence.*



# Chief's Message

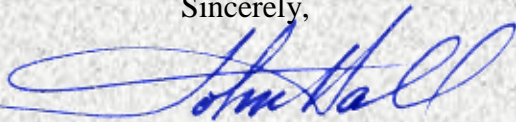
Greetings to all Erie Residents,

2010 was a great year to be a resident of the Town of Erie, Colorado. In addition to being able to participate in many exciting activities as our town continues to grow, we are fortunate to live in a very safe community. This is due in a large part to the involvement of the community working with the Police Department to maintain an excellent quality of life.

The intent of this annual report is to provide the community with a snap shot of the activities of the Erie Police Department. With Erie's continued growth, we anticipate the demand on the Department will continue to increase. We will continue to monitor the needs of the community in order to provide quality police services. I encourage everyone to get involved with your Police Department. I encourage you to call me or any other employee of the Police Department if you have questions, concerns or suggestions. Our goal is to be a part of the community not apart from it. Together we can make a difference.

The Erie Optimist Club sponsored a respect for law poster contest in the Erie Schools and we at the Erie Police Department are proud to use the winning poster as the cover of our annual report. Congratulations to Hannah Kurz thanks to the Erie Optimist Club for their continued support.

Sincerely,



John N. Hall  
Chief of Police



# Erie Police in the Community



**The Officers of the Erie Police Department are a group of individuals working with the residents of Erie to maintain a safe environment, prevent crime and enforce the law. In 2010 officers were involved in a wide range of activities in the community including school events, senior lunches, Town Fair, National Night out and just being helpful where ever the opportunity presented it self. In 2010 the officers of the Erie Police Department were a group of officers looking for someone they could do something for.**



# Citizen's Police Academy

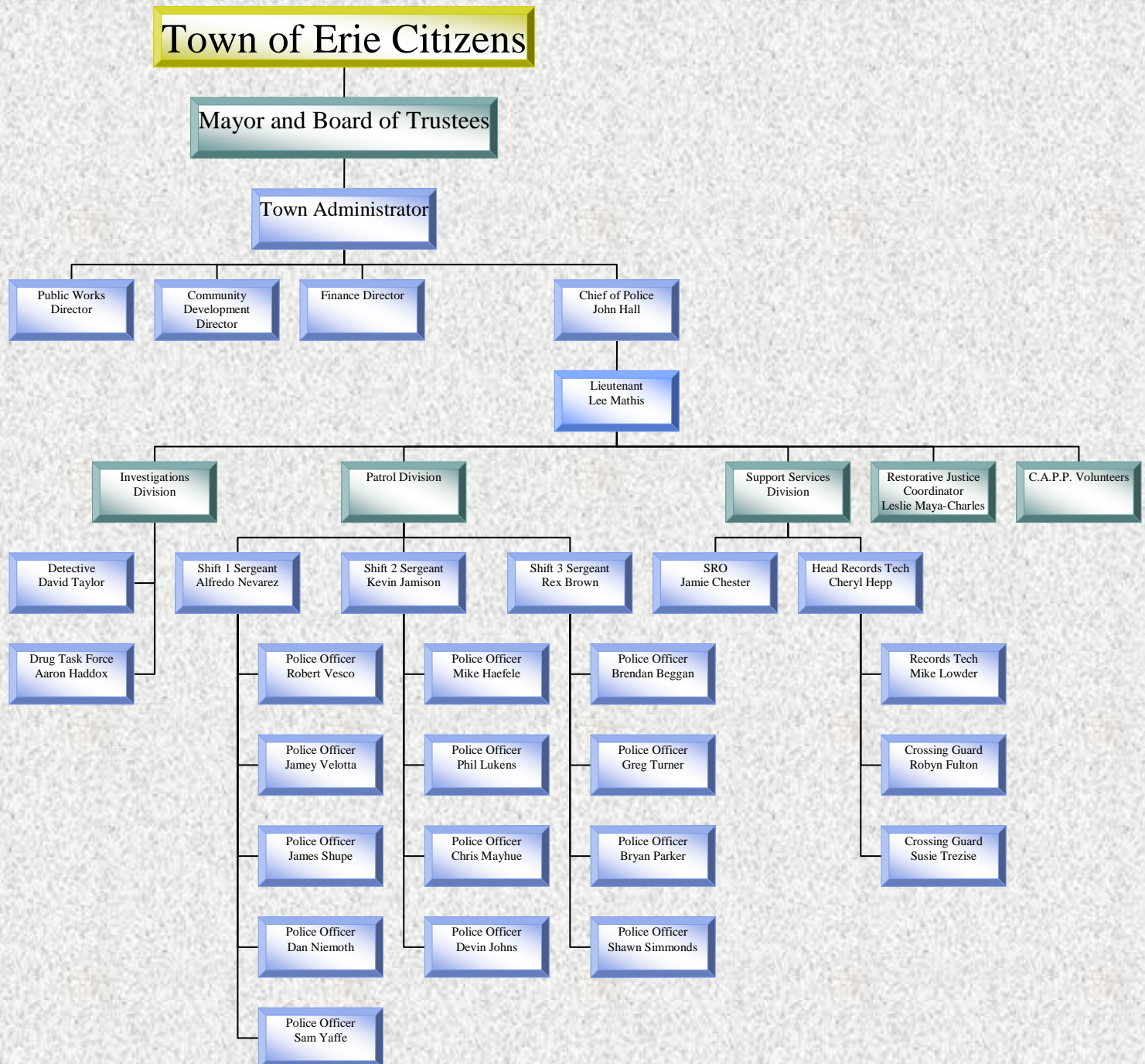


Every Friday night from March 6<sup>th</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 for three hours 20 individuals took the time to attend The Erie Police Department's 9<sup>th</sup> session of the Citizen's Police Academy. During this academy the participants learned about what the Erie Police Department does and why it does it. At the close of the academy fun was had by all and several new friends were made along the way.





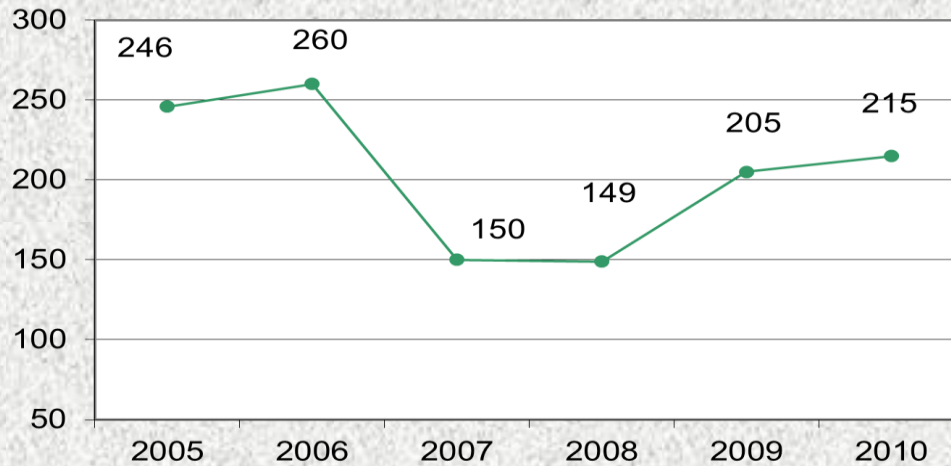
# Erie Police Department 2010 Organizational Chart



# 2010 Crime Statistics

## UCR Reported Crimes (Part 1 crimes)

Town of Erie Total Part 1 Crimes 6 Year Comparison



Part 1 crimes are the crimes the Erie Police Department reports to the FBI for statistical purposes. The crimes listed do not reflect any degree of seriousness of the offense.

| Crime         | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       | 2009       | 2010       |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Murder        | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| Rape          | 3          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 2          |
| Assault       | 63         | 35         | 34         | 55         | 48         |
| Robbery       | 0          | 0          | 0          | 2          | 1          |
| Burglary      | 60         | 37         | 19         | 23         | 47         |
| Theft         | 110        | 64         | 79         | 114        | 104        |
| Vehicle Theft | 19         | 9          | 11         | 9          | 12         |
| Arson         | 5          | 4          | 6          | 2          | 1          |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>260</b> | <b>150</b> | <b>149</b> | <b>205</b> | <b>215</b> |

## Crime Calendar

There was a burglary reported in Erie in 2010 approximately every 8 days



There was a vandalism reported in Erie in 2010 approximately every 5 days

There was a theft reported in Erie in 2010 approximately every 3 days

There was a car theft reported in Erie in 2010 approximately every 33 days

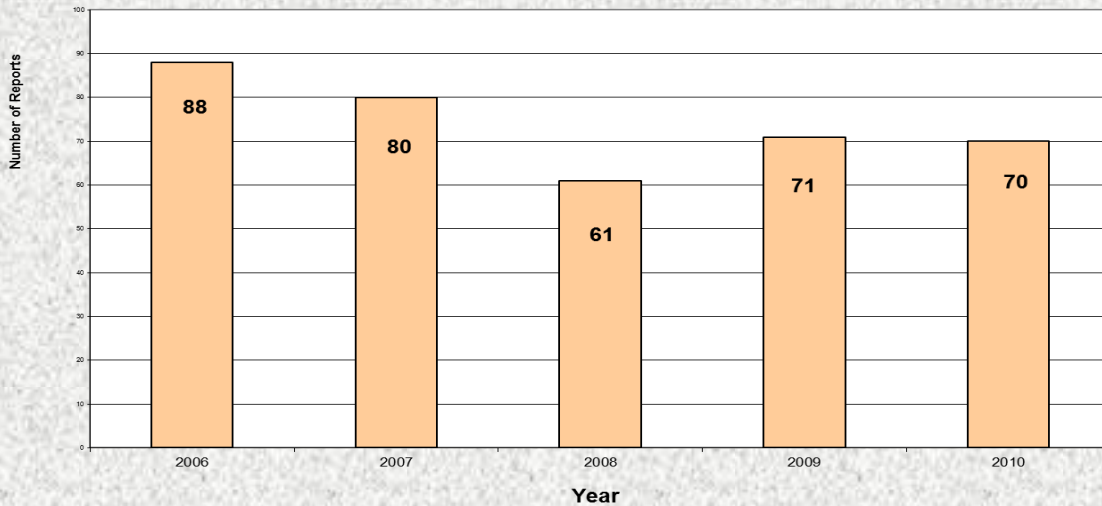


# Other Crimes of Interest

## Criminal Mischief

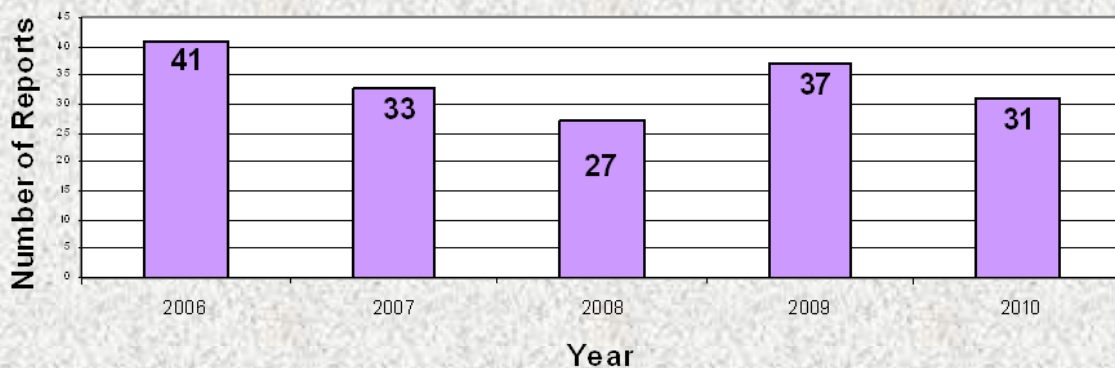
Another common crime which is not reported in the part I crimes is Criminal Mischief, or vandalism. This crime is common in many jurisdictions.

**Yearly Criminal Mischief Reports**



## Domestic Violence

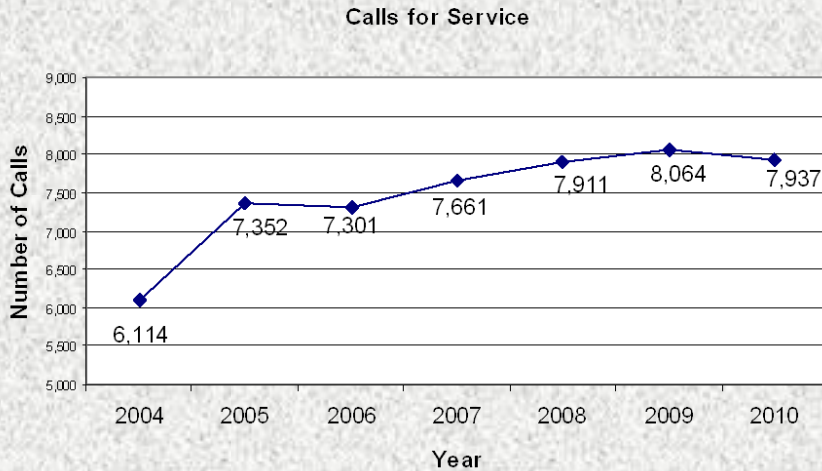
**Yearly Domestic Violence Reports**



Domestic Violence in Colorado is defined as “an act or threatened act of violence upon a person with whom the actor is or has been involved in an intimate relationship.” A peace officer is required by law in Colorado to make an arrest of a suspect if there is probable cause to believe the suspect committed Domestic Violence.

# Miscellaneous Stats

## Calls for Service



Calls for Service” refers to any time an Officer is dispatched to or calls out an incident on the radio.

## School Resource Officer

Officer Jamie Chester was the school resource officer for the department during first half of 2010 and Officer Parker moved into the SRO position in September of 2010. The School Resource Officer is responsible for patrolling and taking criminal reports in the Erie High School, Middle School and Elementary School. The SRO also teaches and presents on various subjects during the school year including teaching a Junior Police Academy at Erie High School.



Officer Jaime Chester

### SRO Statistics

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Approximate Hours in High School       | 1200 |
| Approximate Hours in Middle School     | 20   |
| Approximate Hours in Elementary School | 3    |
| Number of Reports Taken                | 130  |



Officer Brian Parker



# Restorative Justice Program

In the Restorative Justice Program first time juvenile offenders are given the opportunity to reintegrate into the community as someone who has taken responsibility for their actions and repaired the harm they have caused. Offenders sometimes are required to do community service, pay restitution or take other actions which help to repair the harm they caused.

## Restorative Justice Statistics for 2010

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| <b>Cases referred</b>             | 13  |
| <b>Offenders participating</b>    | 24  |
| <b>Victims participating</b>      | 28  |
| <b>Misdemeanors</b>               | 11  |
| <b>Felonies</b>                   | 2   |
| <b>Hours of Community Service</b> | 340 |



Leslie Maya-Charles  
Restorative Justice Coordinator

## Animal Control

Erie Police Officers are responsible for Animal Control in the Town of Erie. Below are some statistics relating to animal control performed by the Erie Police Department in 2010.

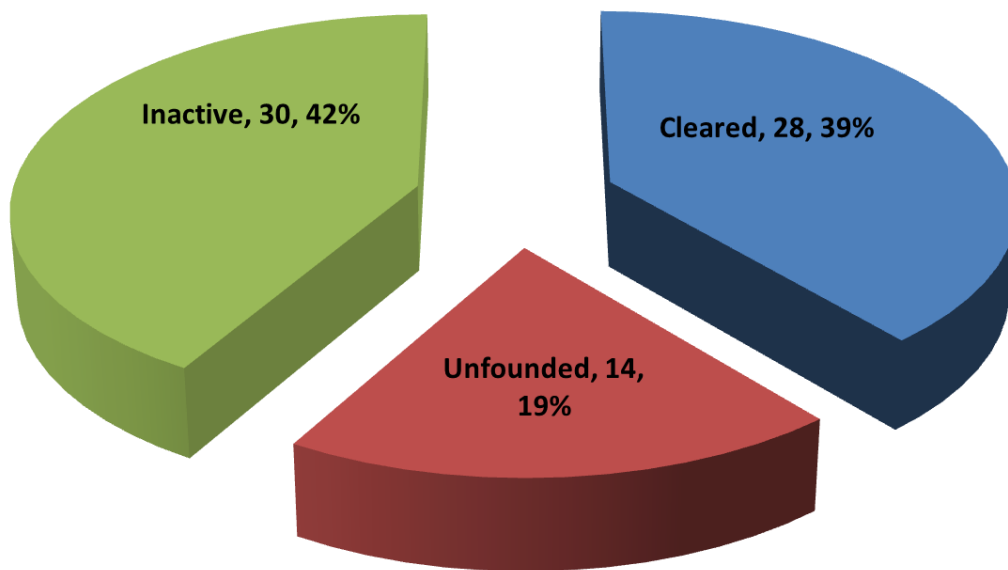
| General Animal Complaints* | Animals Impounded by Officers | Animal related citations issued |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>449</b>                 | <b>77</b>                     | <b>16</b>                       |

\*Includes Barking Dog, Animal neglect, and other types of Animal Complaints

## Investigations

The investigations section saw a 39% clearance rate in the 72 cases assigned in 2010. Some highlights of major cases in 2010 included a burglary of the Golf Course at Vista Ridge where the suspect was found to have broken into several other golf courses in the metro area. Information obtained during the investigation of the incident in Erie led to the arrest and charging of the suspect in the burglaries. Investigations also made arrests for a prescription fraud, other burglaries, and for a vehicle theft from a storage facility in 2010.

## Cases Assigned to Investigations





# **ARRESTS AND USE OF FORCE**

## Arrests for All Offenses

|          | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|----------|------|------|------|------|
| Adult    | 233  | 272  | 267  | 213  |
| Juvenile | 85   | 43   | 49   | 53   |
| Total    | 318  | 315  | 316  | 266  |



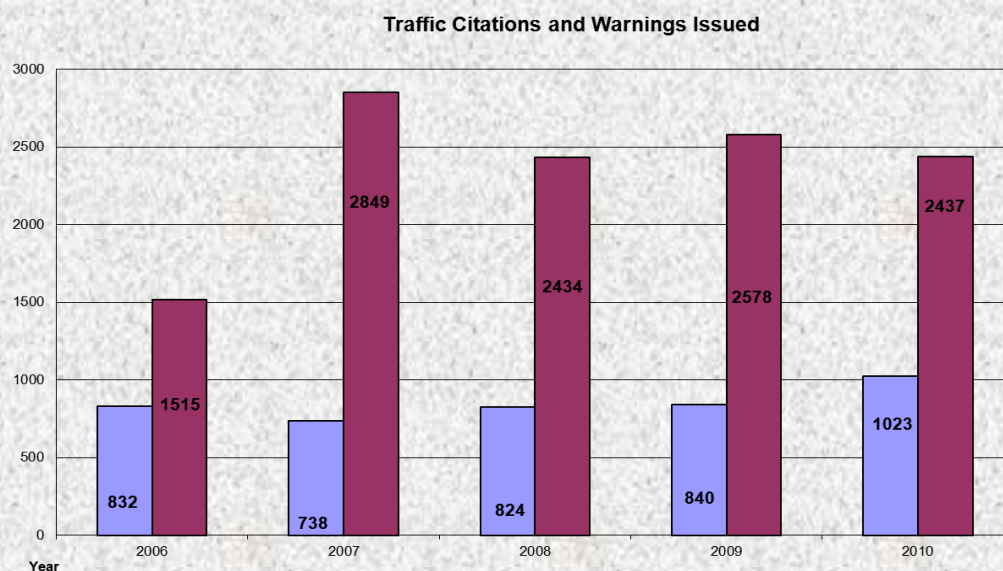
## Use of Force

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| <b>Incidents where suspect was using alcohol or drugs</b>       | <b>0</b>    |
| <b>Uses of Force Resulting in Injury to suspect</b>             | <b>0</b>    |
| <b>Uses of Force Resulting in Injury to Officer</b>             | <b>0</b>    |
| <b>Total number of Use of Force Incidents in 2010</b>           | <b>9</b>    |
| <b>Percentage of Use of Force Compared to number of Arrests</b> | <b>3.3%</b> |

The use of force in the Erie Police Department's written directives is defined as any action which may cause, is alleged to cause, or does cause injury to a person. By Erie Police Department policy the pointing of a firearm at an individual is considered a use of force.

# **Traffic Statistics**

The concern most often expressed to the Police Department by citizens is generally regarding traffic safety within the Town of Erie. Below is a breakdown of citations and warnings given by officers during traffic stops made in 2010.



**Erie Police officers made a total 3460 of traffic stops in 2010**

## **Traffic Accidents**

| Type of Accident          | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Injury Accidents          | 20   | 10   | 13   | 18   | 16   |
| Property Damage Accidents | 84   | 119  | 117  | 118  | 104  |
| Total                     | 104  | 129  | 130  | 136  | 120  |

## **DUI Arrests**

|             | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| DUI Arrests | 68   | 56   | 53   | 46   | 45   |



# Erie Colorado Police Department 2010

Serving the Town of Erie with *Integrity, Compassion, Dedication, Impartiality, Excellence and Courage* in 2010\*



Chief John Hall



Lt. Lee Mathis



Sgt Alfredo Nevarez



Sgt Kevin Jamison



Sgt Rex Brown



Det. Dave Taylor



Cpl. Mike Haefele



Ofc. Robert Vesco



Cpl. Brendan Beggan



Ofc. Phil Lukens



Ofc. Aaron Haddox



Ofc. Greg Turner



Ofc. Jamey Velotta



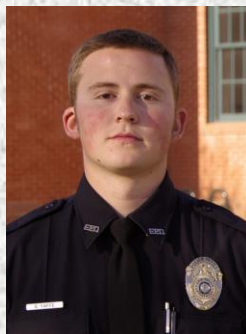
Ofc. Jamie Chester



Ofc. Chris Mayhue



Ofc. Dan Niemoth



Ofc. Sam Yaffe



Ofc. Bryan Parker



Ofc. Devin Johns



Ofc. Sean Simmonds

*\*Detective James Shupe not pictured*





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